

**MINUTES OF
FAIRFAX COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION SEMINAR
FAIRFAX COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM
SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 2004**

COMMISSIONERS Walter L. Alcorn, Commissioner At-Large
PRESENT: John R. Byers, Mount Vernon District
 Frank de la Fe, Hunter Mill District
 Suzanne F. Harsel, Braddock District
 James R. Hart, Commissioner At-Large
 Nancy Hopkins, Dranesville District
 Ronald W. Koch, Sully District
 Kenneth A. Lawrence, Providence District
 Rodney L. Lusk, Lee District
 Peter F. Murphy, Jr., Springfield District
 Laurie Frost Wilson, Commissioner At-Large

COMMISSIONER Janet R. Hall, Mason District
ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Heidi Baggett, Associate Clerk to the Planning Commission
 Barbara Byron, Director, Zoning Evaluation Division (ZED),
 Department of Planning and Zoning (DPZ)
 Alicia Caperton, ZED, DPZ
 Allison Clark, ZED, DPZ
 Laura Kaulback-Espirutu, Management Analyst II,
 Planning Commission Office
 Sara Robin Hardy, Assistant Director, Planning Commission Office
 Barbara J. Lippa, Executive Director, Planning Commission Office
 Tim Overocker, Revitalization, Department of Housing and Community
 Development (DHCD)
 Linda Rodeffer, Clerk to the Planning Commission
 Sandy Salerno, Administrative IT, DPZ
 Fred Selden, Director, Planning Division (PD), DPZ
 William Shoup, Director, Zoning Administration Division (ZAD), DPZ
 Sara Simmons, ZAD, DPZ
 Harry Swanson, Deputy Director, Revitalization, DHCD
 Sterling R. Wheeler, PD, DPZ
 James P. Zook, Director, DPZ

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The 2004 Fairfax County Planning Commission Seminar was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Chairman Peter F. Murphy, Jr., in the Board Conference Room of the Fairfax County Government Center at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

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Chairman Murphy welcomed everyone to the Seminar and introduced the first speaker, Mr. Zook.

Mr. Zook, delivered a Power Point presentation on the “Comprehensive Plan: Concepts to Accomplishments”, a copy of which is in the date file. He discussed the industrial and residential growth and the protection and preservation of environmentally sensitive areas and parks in Fairfax County. A discussion ensued about the County’s population growth, the Comprehensive Plan, and the Area Plans Review (APR). He spoke on the obstacles for high-density at Metro stations and on commercial revitalization areas in regard to suburban neighborhoods that are centrally located. Throughout the presentation, Mr. Zook responded to questions from Commissioners members.

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The Seminar went into recess at 10:57 a.m. and reconvened in the Board Conference Room at 11:08 a.m.

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Ms. Byron introduced DPZ staff: Sandy Salerno, Sara Simmons, Alicia Caperton, and Alison Clark.

Ms. Salerno and Ms. Simmons presented a DPZ web demonstration on available planning/zoning information on the Comprehensive Plan; pending staff reports; “Citizen’s Guide to the APR (2004/North County)”; Zoning Ordinance; pending Zoning Ordinance Amendments; and Land Development Systems (LDSNet). A Q&A discussion ensued among Commission members.

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The Seminar was recessed for lunch at 12:17 p.m. and reconvened in Suite 117 of the Government Center at 1:10 p.m.

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Gordon Jarratt, Director, Enterprise Systems Division, Department of Information Technology; Tom Conry, Geographic Information Services (GIS) & Mapping Branch Manager; and other GIS staff members, gave a GIS update demonstration.

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The Seminar went into recess at 2:30 p.m. and reconvened in the Board Conference Room at 2:45 p.m.

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Mr. Swanson and Mr. Overocker distributed a handout titled "Fairfax County Reinvesting in Communities", a copy of which is in the date file. They described the public investments in the main Revitalization Districts: Annandale, McLean, and Springfield. They explained the core strategy approach which would involve, for example, a Springfield Mixed Use/Public Parking facility and discussed new programs: Investing in Communities, Facade Improvement Grants, and the Revitalization Loan Fund. They spoke on the programs in development such as Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Districts and Business Inventory. They outlined marketing initiatives used through the DHCD website and brochures. They submitted an October 2003 marketing brochure titled: "Opportunities Today, Urban Centers Tomorrow", a copy of which is in the date file.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

Peter F. Murphy, Jr. Chairman

Suzanne F. Harsel, Secretary

A verbatim record of this meeting is not available.

Meeting taken by: Linda B. Rodeffer and Heidi E. Baggett
Minutes by: Kara A. DeArrastia

Approved on:

Linda B. Rodeffer, Clerk to the
Fairfax County Planning Commission